

I am opposed to the plans to allow Television and radio conglomerates owning more stations. As it is, I barely listen to the radio, except for a few publicly owned stations and a Spanish language station. I don't speak Spanish, but at least the music is decent, instead of the same overhyped garbage on every other station.

As an amateur musician not likely to ever be on radio, I have a great deal of sympathy for the hardworking local musicians who are cut off from radio airplay when large corporations control the airwaves. We need more local musicians on the air, not more overhyped garbage from the major music companies.

Also, I'm concerned that the concentration of power in the hands of these companies amounts to an effective propaganda tool for whatever political bent they companies support. The management sanctioned "protests" over the Dixie Chicks records, sponsored by Clear Channel, illustrate the problem. We can't have a lively public debate if only one opinion is heard, and that is increasingly what is happening with major corporate control of the airwaves.